

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER AND/OR ADOPTIVE PARENT?

Thank-you for your interest in our foster care and adoption programs. If you would like to learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent and/or adoptive parent, the Livingston County Foster, Adoption and Kinship Services (FAKS) workgroup provides a "Parent Resource for Information Development and Education" (PRIDE) 27-hour orientation and pre-service training three times a year, in the spring, summer, and in the fall/winter. **You must request a foster & adoptive parent informational packet by calling 517-548-0233 and leaving your name and telephone number.** An informational packet will be sent to you before you attend a training series.

Spring Series: This series is directed to those who are primarily interested in fostering juvenile court wards. This training will be presented by an experienced Livingston County Court Foster Parent, Pat Medrick, and the Livingston County Court Adoption Supervisor, Gerry Glenn. This series will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 26, 2006 to June 21, 2006 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, on 323 West Grand River Avenue in Howell. Please call Gerry Glenn at 517-540-7760 and leave a message if you need any further information. Please do not call the church.

Summer Series: This series is directed to those primarily interested in fostering older children (over age 10). This PRIDE series orientation will take place on July 25 and the rest of the series will be scheduled for August 2006; specific location, time and dates will be announced in a letter to inquiries, if there are enough interested parties. This training will be presented by a foster parent and Judson Center Foster Home Licensing Services Specialist, Angela Hunter. If you are interested in attending the summer series, please call Angela Hunter at 734-528-1720 and leave a message.

Fall/Winter Series: This series is directed to anyone interested in fostering or adopting any age of child. This series will be presented by an experienced DHS Foster & Adoptive Parent, Celine Klecker, and the DHS Foster Home Licensing Services Specialist, Ann Koivisto. This series will be held every other Saturday; October 21, November 4, November 18, and December 2 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Department of Human Services, 2300 E Grand River Ave, Suite One, Howell, MI 48843. Please call Ann Koivisto at 517-548-0253 and leave a message to register for this series.

To give us an idea of the number of participants to expect at any of the PRIDE training events, we would appreciate a call from you letting us know if you plan to attend. Just leave your name and telephone number with Gerry Glenn for the spring series, Angela Hunter for the summer series, or Ann Koivisto for the winter series. If you leave a detailed message, and leave both names of the parties attending and a phone number, we will not call you back unless your training is cancelled. Thank-you for your interest in our foster care and adoption programs. We look forward to seeing you in 2006!